MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

2009 Annual Report

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The 2009 Annual Report is also available on the MCPD website.

Sworn and non-sworn (civilian) members of the MCPD serve in a wide variety of roles. Pictured are just some of them.
Standing to the left of the motorcycle: Bicycle Officer G. Woodman, Security Services Division Sergeant F. Thornton, Animal Services Officer P. Williams, Crossing Guard J. Andre, Forensic Specialist M. Kimura, Motorcycle Officer E. Cobian
Standing to the right of the motorcycle: Major Crimes Homicide/Sex Detective D. Mackie, Public Safety Communications Specialist P. Chesley, K-9 Officer S. Shields and partner Bolo, Officer M. Verde

READY TO SERVE

Chief's Message

Once again I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD). In 2009 we saw dramatic decreases in our crime statistics: Homicides down 38%, Robberies down 10%, Burglaries down 16%, Stolen Autos were down over 20%. These decreases are especially significant in light of our increasing population. Serious crime was down, overall, nearly 7%.

While I am encouraged by the drop in our crime numbers, I know that there are a multitude of factors that contribute to the amount of crime that goes on in a particular area. I do know that the MCPD is doing a better job in recent years at deploying our resources where they are needed the most and can do the most good. "Putting the cops on the dots" is the slogan used by many police chiefs to describe the high lev-

Testifying before Congress, March 4, 2009.

el of analysis done to ensure we react quickly to crime trends and deploy our resources in an effort to prevent crime from occurring in the first place. Our staff of crime analysts is superior! These civilian analysts are assigned to each of our District stations, the Traffic Division, and at Headquarters. I credit their work as a huge factor in our ability to react quickly to emerging crime patterns on the street. Credit also goes to the detectives who investigate our homicides, rapes, robberies, burglaries, etc. They are solving more of these crimes than ever before. Our crime-scene technicians, our Lab staff, DNA technology, and great detective work are finding the individuals responsible for committing these crimes and taking them off the streets. All of their work keeps our neighborhoods safer.

I am so pleased to highlight three different sections of the MCPD in this year's report. The Police Community Action Team (PCAT), the Victim Assistance Unit, and our Auto Theft Section are three great examples of our hard-working staff delivering superior Police service to the community. I thank them for their dedication and tremendous work ethic. This dedication is seen day in and day out with our sworn, non-sworn (civilian), and volunteer staff. Even during our back-to-back snow storms earlier this year, your Police Officers and 911 operators were there ensuring your safety.

There was much to be proud of in 2009 with the drop in crime but there are still certain neighborhoods in Montgomery County that need our attention. Like all County agencies, we will face 2010 with fewer personnel and resources … but I am confident that the men and women of the MCPD will be up to the challenge.

J. Thomas Manger
Chief of Police
Montgomery County Department of Police

Ready to Reduce

Serious Crime and Collisions
Crime Statistics

For complete statistics, visit the Montgomery County Police website and select "Media," then "Crime Stats."

Year	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft
2009	13	124	992	904	3,011	18,356	1,732
2008	21	131	1,100	835	3,603	19,027	2,258
2007	19	129	1,096	815	3,551	17,536	2,483
2006	16	141	1,166	833	3,804	16,860	2,493

Montgomery County Police are pleased to announce that in 2009 Montgomery County experienced a year-long reduction in serious crime. For the first six months of 2009, Part I crime, which includes murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft, decreased by 7.4% from the same period in 2008. Additionally, during those first six months the total number of all motor vehicle collisions investigated by Montgomery County police decreased by 14%, from 5,984 in the first six months of 2008 to 5,152 in the first six months of 2009. The total number of fatal collisions decreased from 22 to 14.

By the end of 2009, Part I crimes were down 6.8% from year-end 2008. Murders decreased by 38.1% from 21 in 2008 to 13 in 2009. The next greatest decrease was seen in auto thefts, which decreased by 23.3%, from 2,258 in 2008 to 1,732 in 2009. Burglaries also significantly decreased by 16.4%, from 3,603 to 3,011. In the previous years we have seen an increase in robberies, but in 2009 they decreased by 9.8%, from 1,100 to 992. In 2008 there were 50 fatal collisions in Montgomery County, 19 of those involved pedestrians. Of those 50 fatal collisions, 20 were either caused by speeding or were speed-related. In 2009, there were 34 fatal collisions, with 14 of those involving pedestrians. Of those 34, 13 were caused by or related to speeding.

While there are a number of causes for the reduction in fatal crashes, we believe that the use of automated speed enforcement cameras throughout the county has had a major impact by reducing speeds in critical areas and by bringing speed to the forefront of drivers and residents. Across the country, speed continues to be the leading cause of traffic collisions. In Montgomery County we have recorded a marked reduction in the number of collisions and fatalities near these camera deployments.

To most effectively fight crime in the county, Montgomery County Police depend upon our community members to timely report to police suspicious persons and suspicious activity. We also depend upon tips, which can be provided anonymously, to help solve crimes, and we depend upon our residents to consistently follow good crime prevention practices.

Crime Solvers of Montgomery County

Crime doesn't pay, but we do!

Residents are encouraged to call Crime Solvers of Montgomery County toll-free on the anonymous tip line at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477). The tipster can receive a cash reward.

For more details, visit http://www.mccrimesolvers.com.

Executive's Message

The 2009 Montgomery County Police Annual Report brings good news to those who live and work in Montgomery County. I share in the pride of Chief Manger for a year that brought a consistent reduction in crime and fatal traffic collisions. This was again a year with significant fiscal constraints and budget shortfalls causing very difficult decisions to be made reflecting those challenges. As your County Executive, I have placed a high priority on ensuring the safety and well being of our residents and businesses. I assure you that I will continue to do my best to provide what is essential to sustain the effectiveness of the police department. I also take pride in the positive results of our combined efforts

toward improving pedestrian safety in the county. With funds generated by speed cameras in Montgomery County we were able to effect engineering changes to some of our more dangerous roadways, provide for targeted enforcement, and continue our safe driving and walking educational initiatives…all part of my Pedestrian Safety Initiative. I salute the men and women, both sworn and non-sworn who make up the department. I believe their professional skills and dedicated service meet the highest standards. On behalf of all of us in Montgomery County, I want to extend to you our sincere appreciation.

Isiah Leggett
Montgomery County Executive
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Ready to Support

Victims of Crime

The members of the Montgomery County Police Victims/Witness Assistance Unit work tirelessly to meet the needs of our county's crime victims. As non-sworn (civilian) Client Assistant Specialists, they know first-hand that regardless of whether a crime victim is the victim of a property crime or a violent crime, that victim is going to need assistance in finding supportive programs, services, and referrals specific to each unique situation. The needs can be financial, safety, emotional, and/or physical.

Serving crime victims is not the only work of the unit. Members of the unit attend and speak at community events to provide information on programs and crime victim-related services that are available to county residents. Each year the unit hosts a rummage sale to raise money to support the department's in-house emergency victim fund. Since it began in 2001, the Victim/Witness Assistance Unit has made outreach to over 65,505 victims. There are Client Assistance Specialists assigned to each of the department's six district stations.

From left to right, back row: L. Ridall (4th District), L. Mombay (5th District), Unit Director E. Alexander, A. Miller (1st District).
Front row: A. Gerendasy (2nd District) and N. Hernandez (3rd District).
Not pictured: J. Takai (6th District)

Ready to Target

Repeat Offenders

The number of vehicle thefts was greatly reduced in 2009, primarily due to the excellent work of the Montgomery County Police Department's Centralized Auto Theft Section (CATS).

During 2009 these officers vigorously apprehended major auto-theft offenders both within Montgomery County and near the county's borders. Detectives learned that there were actually a small number of auto thieves responsible for a large number of thefts. They targeted their efforts towards those individuals and worked closely with the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office to ensure successful prosecution.

Between July 1, 2008, and July 1, 2009, CATS detectives arrested 156 adults and 61 juveniles. They placed 1,010 criminal charges and recovered 72 stolen vehicles.

One of the most common vehicles stolen in Montgomery County is the Honda Civic. Sergeant G. McFarland is pictured in front of a stolen and recovered Civic in the parking lot of the Abandoned Vehicles Section located in Gaithersburg. Behind the vehicle from left to right are Corporal M. Poole and Corporal M. Tompkins. There are nine detectives in the Centralized Auto Theft Section.

Top 3 ways to prevent becoming a victim of auto theft:
- Always lock your car, even in your driveway or garage.
- Don't leave a spare key inside your vehicle.
- Don't leave your car running and unattended, even for a few minutes.
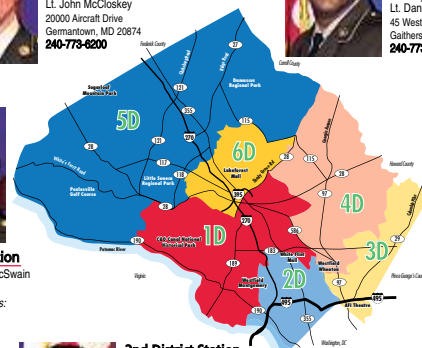
DISTRICTS & COMMANDERS

5th District Station
Captain Thomas C. Didone, *Commander*
Deputy Commanders:
Lt. Ron Hardy
Lt. Demitri Kornegay
Lt. John McCloskey
20000 Aircraft Drive
Germantown, MD 20874
240-773-8200

6th District Station
Captain Willie E. Parker-Loan
Commander
Deputy Commanders:
Lt. Nancy Hudson
Lt. Gary Hopkins
Lt. Daniel Waring
45 West Watkins Mill Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
240-773-5700

1st District Station
Captain Darryl W. McSwain
Commander
Deputy Commanders:
Lt. David Anderson
Lt. Zane George
Lt. John Hack
1451 Seven Locks Road
Rockville, MD 20854
240-773-6070

2nd District Station
Captain Russell E. Hamill
Commander
Deputy Commanders:
Lt. Thomas Jacocks
Lt. Robert McCullagh
Lt. Michael Price
7359 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814
301-652-9200

3rd District Station
Captain Donald M. Johnson
Commander
Deputy Commanders:
Lt. Edwin Daniel
Lt. Stephen D'Ovidio
Lt. Laura Lanham
Lt. Paul Liquorie
801 Sligo Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-565-7740

4th District Station
Captain Nancy C. Demme
Commander
Deputy Commanders:
Lt. Jacques Croom
Lt. Edward Harhai
Lt. Frank Stone
2300 Randolph Road
Wheaton, MD 20902
240-773-5500

Useful Contact Information

PHONE NUMBERS

Abused Persons Crisis Line
240-777-3636

Animal Services Division (ASD)
240-773-5925

ASD 24-HR. Emergency Line
240-773-5900

Animal Shelter
240-773-5960

Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Line
240-777-4417
240-777-3556 (TTY)

Child Safety Seat Hotline
240-777-2222

Crime Solvers of Montgomery County
1-866-411-TIPS (8477)

Crisis Center Hotline
240-777-4000

District Court
301-279-1565 (Rockville)
301-563-8500 (Silver Spring)

Fire Non-Emergency
240-683-6520

Landlord Tenant Affairs
240-777-3609

Montgomery County Highway Maintenance
240-777-6000

Office of Consumer Protection
240-777-3636

MC Dept. of Transportation
240-777-6000

Police Internal Affairs Division
240-773-6000

Police Non-Emergency
301-279-8000

Police Personnel
240-773-5310

Sheriff's Office
240-777-7000

State's Attorney's Office
240-777-7300

TIP LINES AND CRIME REPORTING:

Text-a-Tip Program:
Text "MCPD" plus tip to 274637 (CRIMES)

Web Tip Program:
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police or www.tipsubmit.com

Phone Tip Program:
240-773-TIPS (8477)

Citizen Online Reporting:
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police

Ready to Focus

Resources Where Needed

From bottom left to right: Capt. L. Reynolds, Lt. R. Smith, Ofc. S. Carson, Sgt. W. Whalen, Ofc. A. Ingalls, Ofc. P. Skiba, Ofc. K. Reese, Ofc. A. Taylor, Ofc. G. Hyson. Not pictured is Cpl. D. Findley.

The department's Police Community Action Team (PCAT) is having a positive impact on making our communities safer and improving the quality of life in high-crime areas and neighborhoods in the county.

They not only provide a highly visible police presence in specifically targeted locations, but they also improve community relations by attending community meetings and events. Team members often develop specific incident action plans to help resolve community issues. They reach out to residents and community groups to show that the police care about them and their concerns.

Between October 2007 and November 2009, PCAT accomplished the following:

761 – Criminal arrests

162 – Warrants served

407 – Criminal citations issued

170 – Alcohol citations issued

1,792 – Traffic citations issued

66 – DUI arrests

$121,801 – Money seized from drug-related arrests

1,434 – Field interviews conducted

12 – Handguns recovered

24 – Other dangerous and deadly weapons

From bottom left to right: Sgt. J. Brown, Cpl. T. D'Albora, Ofc. J. Rea, Ofc. R. LeVan, Ofc. P. Johnson, Ofc. J. Cokinos, Ofc. A. Dzenkowski, Ofc. W. Jensen